Deserting the Indian girls after marriage

1620. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the most of the NRI boys marry Indian girls concealing their first marriage and thus deceiving the Indian girls;

(b) if so, how many such cases have been brought to the notice of Government and how many such cases have been registered;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the culprits are managing to avoid arrests and escape from the country; and

(d) whether Law permits for extradition of such culprits from various countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No such case has been brought to the Government's notice.

(c) and (d) "Bigamy", *i.e.*, marrying again during lifetime of husband of wife and concealing the fact of first marriage amounts to an offence under Sections 494 and 495 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). It is punishable for a term of imprisonment, which may extend to seven years, and is thus an extraditable offence. Extradition can be sought from a foreign country, if the same conduct amounts to an extraditable offence in that country also and any extradition treaty or arrangement exists between Indian and that country.

Assistance sought by Tamil Nadu

1621. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Tamil Nadu has asked for help to erect a wall on the seashore to protect from future Tsunami threats; and

(b) if so, what are the details and response of Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The State Government of Tamil Nadu had, in their memorandum for financial assistance submitted to the Ministry